

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 437

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Martin's Grocery for serving Defeated Creek community in Smith County for the past fifty years.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this legislative body to honor those remarkable local businesses that are beloved by their community and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Martin's Grocery is one such legendary business that has been serving the Defeated Creek Community for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, while the original store was built at the turn of the century, the current grocery store is located 200 feet north of the Defeated Creek entrance, which is now underwater; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, D.J. "Mutt" Martin and his brother Floyd bought the store from C.W. Price and called it "Martin Brothers"; and

WHEREAS, three years later, D.J. Martin bought his brother's share of the store and renamed it "Martin's Grocery"; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Martin built the current store, which he continued to operate until 1984 when his son Jackie purchased the store; and

WHEREAS, in addition to standard grocery items, Martin's Grocery has a deli with some of the best home cooking around, gas, bait, fishing supplies, tanning bed, and a kind and friendly word for all who enter; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, the store has been home to all the Martin children and grandchildren, as Jackie and Sandra's five grandchildren have all been raised in the store and brought up to help with the family business; and

WHEREAS, as one of the few remaining locally-owned community markets, Martin's Grocery is a true gem for the good people of Defeated Creek, and it is appropriate that we honor the store for its fifty years of distinguished service to its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Martin's Grocery and the Martin family for their fifty years of service, always accompanied by a kind word and a friendly smile, to the people of Defeated Creek and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.